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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PAC

1. A REFUGEE FROM SOUTH AFRICA WHO HAS BEEN WORKING SOME TEN YEARS AS JOURNALIST IN LESOTHO, TOLD ME JANUARY 14 THAT AMONG HIS CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES WAS LIAISON WITH PAC IN SOUTH AFRICA. ASKED ABOUT THE SOURCES OF PAC SUPPORT, HE SPOKE IN GLOWING TERMS OF RECENT INFUSIONS OF ASSISTANCE FROM NIGERIA WHICH, HE SAID, WAS NOW THE MAJOR SOURCE OF PAC SUPPORT (NOT THE PRC).

2. ASKED ABOUT THE FORMS SUCH ASSISTANCE TAKES, SOURCE DESCRIBED VARIOUS PROGRAMS TO FACILITATE TRAVEL, EDUCATION, ETC., CONCLUDING THAT NIGERIAN AID NOW INCLUDES MILITARY TRAINING. HE DESCRIBED IN SOME DETAIL THE RECRUITMENT OF A FEW SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEES FOR "PILOT TRAINING" IN NIGERIA. THE OBJECTIVE, SOURCE SAID, IS TO BE ABLE IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE TO "FLY OVER SOUTH AFRICAN POPULATION CENTERS". HE COMMENTED THAT THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT OF "EVEN ONE SUCH FLIGHT" COULD BE SIGNIFICANT AND DEMORALIZING TO THE WHITE SOUTH AFRICAN POPULATIONS.

3. PARTICIPATING IN SAME CONVERSATION WAS THE WIFE OF A LESOTHO
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NATIONAL UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, HERSELF A SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEE, WHO AGREED THAT NIGERIA WAS PRIMARY SOURCE OF AID TO PAC AND SUPPORTED OBSERVATION THAT MILITARY TRAINING WAS AMONG PAC'S CURRENT OBJECTIVES.

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